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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Application No. 09/839,536; Filing Date: April 23, 2001  
For: **Trophic Conversion of Obligate Phototrophic Algae Through  
Metabolic Engineering**  
Inventors: APT *et al.*  
Our Ref: 2715.0360001/JUK/SAS/KBK

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3. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

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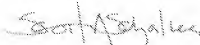
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